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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S MEETING WITH DENKTASH

1. ON NOVEMBER 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON MET WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH IN NEW YORK. DENKTASH WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH CURRENT UNGA DEBATE AND OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED BY HIS INABILITY TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO PERMIT HIM TO ADDRESS UNGA ON SAME BASIS AS GREEK-CYPRIOTS. HE DID NOT SAY THIS WOULD AFFECT HIS WILLINGNESS TO RETURN TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, BUT HE DID INDICATE THAT TALKS WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF A ONE-SIDED CYPRUS RESOLUTION IS PASSED. HE REMAINS BITTER ABOUT MAKARIOS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP HAS CHANGED SINCE JULY 1974.

2. ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS DENKTASH DID NOT SPEAK OF PRE-CONDITIONS OTHER THAN THAT THE ASSEMBLY VOTE BE RELATIVELY
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SATISFACTORY. HE DID HOWEVER REFER TO HIS LONG ABSENCE

FROM NICOSIA AND HIS NEED TO DO SOME POLITIKING IN NORTHERN CYPRUS WHICH WOULD OCCUPY SIX WEEKS OF HIS TIME. HARTMAN URGED EARLIER RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND STRESSED US DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS WHICH AFFECT US-TURKISH MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. DENKTASH WAS NONCOMMITTAL, AS HE WAS ON VENUE OF NEXT TALKS. HE IS NOT HAPPY WITH NEW YORK WHERE

HE ENCOUNTERS PRO-GREEK DEMONSTRATORS AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN TO VIENNA WHERE TURKISH AMBASSADOR WAS KILLED.

3. DENKTASH GAVE HIS VERSION OF THE HISTORY OF VIENNA III TO THE EFFECT THAT BOTH SIDES WERE SUPPOSED TO PRESENT SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND MAPS AT VIENNA IV. THIS, HE SAID, ABSOLVED HIM FROM DOING SO BECAUSE CLERIDES DID NOT HAVE HIS MAP READY. HE SUGGESTED THAT AT NEXT TALKS BOTH SIDES SHOULD COME FORWARD WITH PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY. SOME OBSERVERS THOUGHT OUTSIDERS SHOULD PRESENT PLANS, BUT HE WAS OPPOSED TO THIS. HARTMAN SAID WE BELIEVED INITIAL TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS SHOULD COME FROM THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

4. DENKTASH APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT DOMESTIC POLITICS IN THE TURKISH ZONE. HE SAID HE WAS AMUSED THAT SOME OF HIS FRIENDS THOUGHT THERE MUST BE A CIA HAND IN THE FORMATION OF AN OPPOSITION POPULIST PARTY JUST AT THE TIME HE WAS TALKING ABOUT A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID THIS PARTY WAS CLAIMING AFFILIATION WITH ECEVIT'S RPP ON THE MAINLAND. HE HAD SPOKEN TO ECEVIT ABOUT THIS AND ECEVIT DENIED ANY AFFILIATION BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PREVENT THE POPULIST PARTY FROM ADOPTING HIS PROGRAM.

5. ON TERRITORY DENKTASH MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO DISCUSSION OF THE TURKISH POSITION PRIOR TO THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. HE SAID WITH A SMILE THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHY SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT NEW FAMAGUSTA WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE GREEKS SIMPLY BECAUSE THE TURKISH MILITARY HAD KEPT EVERYONE OUT OF THE DISTRICT TO PREVENT LOOTING. HE APPEARED TO BE SAYING THAT NEW FAMAGUSTA
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WOULD BE A TURKISH BARGAINING CARD IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD NOT BE PLAYED PREMATURELY.

6. PROLONGED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DENKTASH GAVE HARTMAN A CHANCE TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION THE WIDER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AS IT AFFECTS US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. DENKTASH WAS CAUTIOUS BUT GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WITH SOME PRODDING FROM TURKEY

HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ESSENTIAL ISSUES OF A
CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. HE DID NOT, REPEAT, NOT GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT HE IS OUT AHEAD OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO CEDE
TERRITORY. IN RESPONSE TO HARTMAN'S SUGGESTION HE SAID
TURK SIDE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHOW ITS POSITIVE INTENTIONS BY
COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON MAKARIOS' NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW
ACCEPTING BIZONALITY AND BY EARLY SETTING OF A DATE FOR
RESUMED TALKS (ASSUMING UNGA RESOLUTION IS MODERATE). KISSINGER

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